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1. BIE BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETS NOVEMBER 14 TO REVIEW DRAFT BUDGET FOR FY74 AND MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY FOR AUSTRALIA (PROBABLY CATEGORY II), AND CONSIDER PERENNIAL ISSUE UNPAID DUES. WE FORESEE NO IMPORTANT ISSUES FOR WHICH GUIDANCE NEEDED.

2. BUDGET FOR CY74 SET AT FRENCH FRANCS 379,472, NOT UNREASONABLY ABOVE ESTIMATED EXPENSES CY73 OF FF 347,571. REVENUES CY74 ESTIMATED AT FF 351,577. ESTIMATED DEFICIT CY74 CAN BE READILY COVERED BY SURPLUS ANTICIPATED END 1973 OF MORE THAN FRENCH FRANCS 84,000. THUS NO NEED CONSIDER INCREASE IN DUES FOR FY74. PRINCIPAL INCREASE IN BUDGET 1974 OVER 1973 DUE TO SALARY INCREASES AND COST OFFICE SUPPLIES.

3. COMMITTEE WILL PROPOSE THAT AUSTRALIA RE-ENTER BIE IN CATEGORY II FOR DUES PURPOSES (FF 13,650). NOT YET CLEAR IF AUSTRALIA WILL AGREE, BUT THIS CATEGORY, WHICH ALREADY INCLUDES SWITZERLAND, SWEDEN AND BRAZIL, SEEMS REASONABLE.

4. BUDGET COMMITTEE DOCUMENTS COMING WITH AIRGRAM.IRWIN

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